

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1571

January 14, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands certain budget amendment approval authority provided to county mayors to committees appointed by the county mayor within certain counties.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$400/Per Meeting/Permissive

Assumptions:

- The provisions of this legislation are applicable only to counties who have adopted the Local Option Budgeting Law of 1993: Blount, Decatur, DeKalb and Hardin counties.
- Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-12-213(a)(3) provides after passage of a county budget, written proposals for amendments to major categories of the budget may be submitted to the county mayor, who may approve, not approve, or take no action on the proposal. The proposed language would expand such authority to a committee which could be appointed by the county mayor.
- Several laws govern meetings attended by county commissioners:
 - Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-5-104 provides that all meetings must be public;
 - Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-44-103 provides that notice of the meeting must be provided. This notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation;
 - Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-5-107 provides that county commissioners are compensated for each day's attendance at a meeting or paid as a monthly salary. Commission members who are paid on a per meeting basis, who subsequently attend special committee meetings are compensated at a rate of one half the compensation paid for attending regular meetings of the county legislative body.
- Based on responses to the 2017 Local Government Survey conducted by the Fiscal Review Committee staff, participating local government officials reported the average cost for a newspaper notification is \$114.
- Based on information compiled in the 2017 Tennessee County Commissioners Association Compensation Survey, the average rate of compensation for applicable county commissioners attending a special committee meeting is \$58 per meeting.
- At least five commissioners will be appointed to any committee formed by applicable county mayors.
- For every meeting of a committee formed pursuant to the proposed legislation, there will be a permissive increase in local expenditures estimated to exceed \$404 [(\$58 per commissioner x 5 commissioners) + \$114 newspaper publication].

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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